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SPRINGFIELD MAN INDICTED FOR CHILD EXPLOITATION, CHILD PORN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Springfield, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for the sexual exploitation of a minor for the purpose of producing child pornography, and for possession of child pornography.

Stephen M. Taylor, 48, of Springfield, was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that, between November and December 2003, **Taylor** persuaded or coerced a minor male to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of such conduct.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Taylor** was in possession of child pornography on May 31, 2004.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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